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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 20, 2000, the Applicants request that the following amendment be entered:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1 under "Cross Reference to Related Applications" entered in the amendment mailed March 17, 2000 and enter the following new paragraph:

"This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/778,503, filed January 3, 1997, now issued as U. S. Patent No. 5,863,201, which is a non-provisional application claiming the benefit of U. S. Provisional Application No. 60/009,592, filed January 4, 1996 and which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S.